

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) Interdental brush comprising:
two wire sections formed of austenitic steel and having a diameter of 0.3 mm or less; and
~~in which filaments are retained between the~~ two wire sections (1a, 1b) which are twisted
~~with one another, characterized in that the wire sections (1a, 1b) have a diameter (D) of 0.3 mm~~
~~or less and consist of a nickel free or low-nickel~~ wherein the austenitic steel includes less than
0.05% nickel by weight.

2. (Currently Amended) Interdental brush according to Claim 1, ~~characterized in~~
~~that~~wherein the two wire sections ~~(1a, 1b)~~ have a diameter ~~(D)~~ of more than 0.15 mm.

3. (Currently Amended) Interdental brush according to Claim 1 or 2, ~~characterized in that~~
wherein the two wire sections ~~(1a, 1b)~~ have a tensile strength of 1000 N/mm^2 or more.

4. (Currently Amended) Interdental brush according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~
wherein the two wire sections ~~(1a, 1b)~~ have a tensile strength of 1200 N/mm^2 or less.

5. (Canceled)

6. (Currently Amended) Interdental brush according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the two wire sections (~~1a, 1b~~) are stretched or drawn out.

7-8. (Canceled)

9. (Currently Amended) Interdental brush according to claim 2, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the two wire sections (~~1a, 1b~~) have a tensile strength of 1200 N/mm² or less.

10. (Currently Amended) Interdental brush according to claim 3, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the wire sections (~~1a, 1b~~) have a tensile strength of 1200 N/mm² or less.

11-13. (Canceled)

14. (Currently Amended) Interdental brush according to claim 2, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the two wire sections (~~1a, 1b~~) are stretched or drawn out.

15. (Currently Amended) Interdental brush according to claim 3, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the wire sections (~~1a, 1b~~) are stretched or drawn out.

16. (Currently Amended) Interdental brush according to claim 4, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the two wire sections (~~1a, 1b~~) are stretched or drawn out.

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17. (Canceled)